

May 12th, 1966

Leo Hewitt
Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine
7320 Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

RE: PAUL E. GARLAND vs TOM RYAN
Proof Pioneer \$20.00 Assay Gold Coin

Dear Leo:

I notice that Mr. Paul E. Garland has sent you copies of his letters relating to his problem regarding the Proof Pioneer \$20.00 Assay Gold coin, he purchased from Mr. Tom Ryan.

This letter will notify you that I, as President of P.N.G., am attempting to correlate all the facts and to arrive at an amicable solution to the problem.

So far, I have had the full co-operation of all with whom I've been in contact. However, the problem involves a great many people. Some P.N.G. Members and some who are not P.N.G. Members are involved.

May I request that you not publicize this problem at this time. I feel the facts are not all known yet. It is not my desire to see any innocent people hurt, and I do know, now, that some innocent people are involved.

When, as I hope, we are able to fully settle and close this case, Mr. Garland can give you the details.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:

LEO A. YOUNG- PRESIDENT

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cc: Max Schwartz
Paul Garland ✓



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THIS CORRESPONDENCE FROM

the office of _____ President

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June 8th, 1966

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Numismatic Educational Society
Mr. Eric P. Newman - President
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

VICE PRESIDENT

BEN DREISKE
31 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill. 60602

Dear Mr. Newman:

As President of the Professional Numismatists Guild, I am involved in attempting to get to the bottom of a dispute in which Mr. Paul Garland maintains he purchased a counterfeit 1853 \$20.00 U.S.A.O.G. piece.

TREASURER

CHARLES WORMSER
1 W. 47th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

I understand you and your committee have studied this piece at length. I have talked to Ronnie Carr and with Abe Kosoff, among others.

SECRETARY

FRED L. SAMUELS
1 Place Ville Marie
Montreal, Que., Canada

The main question is - Is this coin a fake, a counterfeit, a restrike, a pattern or a genuine coin?

DIRECTORS

C. BULLOWA
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Will you do me the courtesy of expressing your opinion on this coin and your reasons for arriving at your opinion?

Can you give me the opinion, also, of your panel members?

DANIEL H. BROWN
1532 Broadway
Denver, Colo. 80202

May I quote what you tell me, or if it must be confidential, please do tell me so, and I will honor your request.

Since time is important on this problem, may I impose on you to give me an answer as soon as possible?

Thank you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

DANIEL MESSER
104 W. 44th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 13, 1966

Mr. Leo A. Young, President
Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc.
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94609

Dear Mr. Young:

In your letter of June 8, 1966 you have asked our opinion with respect to the Garland specimen of the 1853 U.S.A.O.S. \$20 coin. Our opinion on this coin and others related to it has been heretofore requested by Ronnie Carr, Paul Garland, and several others, but we have never given any opinion because we were only one member of a study group initiated by others in August, 1964 with respect to such coins. We had hoped that the study group would have reached or concluded they could not reach a joint opinion, but this has not been accomplished primarily because of illness. We now feel that enough time has elapsed so that members of the group are free to take independent positions.

We have been advised by Paul Garland that a PNG arbitration has been requested and that PNG has offered to set up an arbitration. We presume Tom Ryan as a PNG member has agreed to an arbitration. Under these circumstances we feel that the appropriate time for our opinion would be in the course of a hearing in the arbitration proceedings, assuming the arbitration to be generally in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. If our comments are requested for that purpose we would prepare them and give them. It would seem that our or your impartiality might be questioned if any comments on the merits are given by us to PNG in advance of a contemplated hearing under PNG auspices.

As to this matter anything we write or say is without any confidential limitations.

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Mr. Leo A. Young, President
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We would appreciate your thoughts after you have considered the foregoing. We fully recognize the problem you have and your desire to handle the matter with fairness.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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By 

President

CC:

Mr. Paul Garland
Mr. Ronnie Carr
Study Group

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June 17th, 1966

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Numismatic Education Society
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31 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill. 60602

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of June 13th, 1966, regarding the Garland 1853 U.S.A.O.G. \$20.00.

TREASURER

CHARLES WORMSER
1 W. 47th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

Yes, I am attempting to set up P.N.G. sponsored Arbitration on the problem.

However, one or two of the involved parties, including Garland, are suspicious the hearing will not be fair, that so far they have not agreed to arbitrate.

SECRETARY

FRED L. SAMUELS
1 Place Ville Marie
Montreal, Que., Canada

Garland, for example, has flatly stated he will agree to Arbitration only if every member of the Arbitration Panel meets with his approval.

The problem is two-fold.

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1616 Walnut St.
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First, Garland wants his \$3,300.00 back.

I have guaranteed him in writing his money back if he will send me the coin. So far he refuses to send me the coin.

DANIEL H. BROWN
1532 Broadway
Denver, Colo. 67202

This refund I've guaranteed him is based entirely on his being a dissatisfied customer of P.N.G. dealer. Not because the coin is a counterfeit. I feel he has a right to be dissatisfied with the coin. Whether the coin turns out to be genuine, a pattern, a fantasy, a re-strike, or whether it was struck in 1853 or 1858 or later is the second part of the problem.

DANIEL MESSER
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Apparently, the weight varies from so-called regular issues. Apparently the metallic content also varies from regular issues. So, on that alone, I would say Garland has a right for a refund.

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Irregardless, it is my intent and hope to amicably settle the dispute and eventually to get all the facts before the Arbitration Committee.

Eric P. Newman
June 17th, 1966
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At this point, I will certainly admit I do not know what the coin is, but I do want to know and to find out.

Thank you for your most co-operative letter. I will keep you posted and I will look forward to the findings your group will be able to submit at the Arbitration Hearing.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:


LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

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cc: Abe Kosoff
Paul Garland

June 21, 1966

MEMORANDUM

TO :

FROM ERIC P. NEWMAN

I telephoned Leo A Young about letters he wrote to Garland and myself and we had a long talk.

I pointed out that if Ryan did not agree to an arbitration there could not be any arbitration either on the refund or any arbitration of the merits. He said that Ryan had not agreed to the refund but that the PNG officers approved \$300 be paid by PNG to make up the Ryan profit and all other owners, back to Ford, agreed to refund their profit. Ford was to pay what he originally sold the piece for. Young was to keep the coin until the investigation was over.

I suggested that it first be determined if Ryan would arbitrate since Garland has requested the arbitration. I also suggested that if Garland appointed an arbitrator first it would be pointless if Ryan did not agree to arbitrate.

Young said that he was ready for the refund and I told him that if the refund was made that would close the matter of arbitration. He said he wanted an investigation in addition to that because of all the talk. I told him that I did not think the investigation could be accomplished by an arbitration. I also told him that an investigation by PNG, without having available all of the facts from PNG members, would be wrong.

Young said he was considering asking the ANA to hold an inquiry along with PNG and had talked to Rothert about it. I told him that if ANA was involved then everyone would cooperate.

Young said that Ford's agreement to pay back the selling price was in writing but he had no written opinion of Ford on the genuineness of the USAOG items or their background.

Young told me that he bought a gold proof bar from Ford for \$2500 and, with Ford's help, applied for a license from the Treasury Department 90 days ago. At a recent meeting of the IAPN, in New York, Young, Ford and Lelam Howard were talking and Howard asked Ford who was the prior owner of the bar and Ford said that this information was private. The license has not been issued.

An inference was made that the bar came from the same source as the USAOG piece.



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June 23rd, 1966

Numismatic Education Society
Mr. Eric P. Newman
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St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for the telephone call of June 21st, it was quite informative, and in my opinion, most worthwhile.

I have other matters to write you about, which I will undoubtedly do next week.

I do want to inform you, however, that I received a letter from Tom Ryan of Chicago, dated June 21st, wherein, he has named Mr. Lester Merkin as his arbitrator in the so-called Ryan vs Garland dispute.

Therefore, this problem which you made many references to in our telephone conversation relating to Mr. Tom Ryan's not having named an arbitrator is eliminated.

I have not heard from Mr. Garland, however.

I will also write Matt Rothert this next week.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY: *Leo A. Young*
LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

LAY-jc

cc: Abe Kosoff
Max Schwartz

July 2nd, 1966

American Numismatic Association
Mr. Matt Rothert - President
P.O. Box 10
Camden, Arkansas

Subject: AUTHENTICITY OF CONTROVERSIAL U.S. ASSAY OFFICE OF
GOLD - 1953 - SO-CALLED \$20.00 GOLD PIECE.

Dear Mr. Rothert;

A serious problem exists on the above captioned subject matter.

This also has been what Mr. Paul Garland has been complaining about.

P.N.G. is handling the arbitration with regard to the return of Mr. Garland's money. I am recommending Mr. Garland's money be refunded based solely on his being a dis-satisfied customer of a P.N.G. Member.

This in itself does not mean the coin is counterfeit.

Many people have studied this problem on the subject coin.

1. Eric P. Newman and his group for one, for over a year.
2. Individuals of the Eric P. Newman Group Independently of the group.
3. Mr. Ronnie Carr, Pioneer Gold co-ordinator of the Red Book.
4. John Ford of New Netherlands, etc.

Since this problem is far-reaching and of great magnitude, Eric P. Newman told me on the phone, he would only testify and give his findings before an Investigating Panel, if that panel was at least co-sponsored by the A.N.A.

I agree with Mr. Newman. I do feel that this investigating, can be on the coin in question, best be conducted by a joint effort of the A.N.A. and the P.N.G.

The logical time for this investigating Panel to meet, I believe, will be at our A.N.A. Convention in Chicago.

Should you be in accord with this, it will be necessary to name qualified members to this panel, advise them and request their co-operation, name a Chairman and arrange meeting times and places and advise all who have information on this subject that they will be wanted to appear and to put forth their factual information.

To accomplish all of this will take considerable time and work.

Should you be willing for the A.N.A. to co-sponsor this effort, your office can do the work or I will volunteer to do it.

There are several ways this can be handled.

One would be to select ³ two or ⁵ three people to form the investigating Panel. These, in the event, should be people knowledgeable in Pioneer Gold, but not involved in the problem and with no axe to grind. This would eliminate many people.

Or, we could have a panel of nine or eleven or thirteen and include those involved as well as those not involved. Everyone on the panel could contribute all factual information he has as well as the panel having anyone else it wished in to testify. I prefer this second suggestion.

When the hearing is over, the panel would vote, based on the evidence, and this would then form the panel's decision as to what the subject coin is.

You, of course, may prefer to steer a course without any suggestions from me. Should this be so, I will not be offended. My desire is to determine, for the good of numismatics and collectors in particular, the exact status of the subject coin and related items.

In the interest of saving time and since I have put forth a great amount of work and study on this problem, I would like to recommend for your consideration the following people for the Investigating Panel, and of course, I would expect you to suggest additions to it and deletions from it.

1. Matt Rothert
2. John Pittman
3. Eric P. Newman
4. Abe Kosoff
5. Walter Breen
6. John Ford

Matt Rotherert - President ANA
July 2nd, 1966
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7. Lester Merkin
8. Ronnie Carr
9. Leo A. Young

Mr. Eric P. Newman told me, by phone, that he would contact you on this problem. I hope he has.

Mr. Rotherert, may I please hear from you on this?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

LY:

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

LAY-jc

cc: Abe Rosoff
Max Schwartz
Eric P. Newman ✓

July 19, 1964

Subject: Arbitration Panel
For the Garland-Ryan
problem:

Ronnie Carr, Chairman
P.O. Box 1113, Tulane, Calif.

Lester Merwin
215 Madison Ave. N.Y., N.Y., 10022

Herbert Bergen
194 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. 92632

Gentlemen:

After several months of frustrating effort we finally have the full arbitration panel set up which consists of Ronnie Carr Chairman; Lester Merwin of New York City and Herbert Bergen of Fullerton California.

The charges that this panel is to attempt to settle are as follows: A few years ago Mr. Paul Garland purchased for \$300 a so called Proof United States Assay Office of Gold, 1891 \$20.00 gold piece. Mr. Garland states in writing that this coin is a fake and a counterfeit and demands this problem go to arbitration for the purpose of the arbitration panel to bear his proof and to award him the right to demand a full refund of his purchase price based on the fact the coin he purchased is not as represented to him.

Mr. Tom Ryan of Chicago the man who sold the coin to Mr. Garland has maintained in writing he will only make a refund if the coin is found not to be as represented.

The complete file which I have accumulated on this problem as well as the coin in question which Mr. Garland sent to me, will be turned over to Mr. Ronnie Carr as soon as Mr. Carr can come to my office to pick it up. Mr. Carr has indicated he will pick this material up from me this week.

The arbitration panel under the direction of Mr. Ronnie Carr is to make a thorough investigation and it is hoped that the panel will spare no efforts in seeking information from every possible reliable source. Some of the people with whom I have talked and who I feel will very probably be able to cast some evidence include; Mr. Eric Newman, John Ford, Abe Kosoff, John Pittman and Mr. Paul Franklin. I have not personally talked with Mr. Franklin, nor do I know that he will or will not be cooperative. But I do have information which indicates most strongly to me that this coin was discovered and did enter the numismatic field through Paul Franklin.

I wish to caution this arbitration panel that this investigation is not a vendetta against any one or any group. Your findings are to be based on evidence. I know that each of you will enter this problem with an open mind in search of the truth. Personalities and personal prejudices as well as any pre-formed opinions are to be literally thrown out the window.

I ask this panel to go to work at once bearing in mind that most probably all of the parties involved as well as those people the panel wants to question will be at the A.S.A. convention in Chicago next month.

Should the panel find any lack of cooperation from any source I request that I be notified as soon as possible.

I stand ready to be of any assistance at any time to the panel.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL HUMINATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:

Leo A. Young, President

LAY-1a

cc: Tom Ryan, Paul Garland, Eric Norma, John Ford,
Der Dreiske, Chas. Wernser, Abe Kozoff, Fred Samuels,
C. Bullows, Dan Hesser, Max Schwartz and Matt Rothert



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Mr. Ronnie Carr
P. O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

I have received copies of correspondence from Paul Garland wherein he expresses unhappiness over delays in the so-called Garland-Ryan problem.

I am in receipt of a letter from John Ford which I shall discuss later wherein he states he is not getting cooperation from parties involved in this dispute.

I am also in receipt of your letter of November 28 and have taken due note.

I have also talked on the phone probably twice with Mr. Eric Newman.

Whereas at the A. N. A. Convention last August I felt that we finally had something constructive and worthwhile going in the way of investigating, answering, and settling the many problems connected with the Garland-Ryan matter, at present I am not so sure.

Garland of course wants action and looking at this problem from Garland's point of view, one can hardly blame him. I noticed that you received a copy of his November 4 letter. No matter how the problem now stands, if you have not done so, I feel that you should at this time advise him of how things now stand and your plans for the immediate future.

John Ford wrote me on November 28 and I notice you received a copy of that correspondence.

Now Ronnie, I feel that John Ford has every right to come to me as his P. N. G. President on the complaints that he voiced in his November 28 letter. He flatly thinks that he is not getting reasonable cooperation. John Ford and others did listen to Mr. Eric Newman's statements and allegations and conclusions and

December 6, 1966

estimates from his opinion on the problem. John Ford not only has every right to attempt to refute Mr. Newman's allegations but I personally expect him to either refute them or to concur to them. To do this he must have available to him for study the various coins in question that Mr. Newman has had available for study. To me this is only common sense.

I note in your letter of November 28 and I quote from your second paragraph:

"At this hearing it is hoped to have testimony and evidence presented by John J. Ford, Jr."

This meeting is set up now for 2-7-67 in Los Angeles

Now Ronnie, unless the coins that John Ford wants to examine are made immediately available to him, how can he possibly submit proper testimony and evidence from his side or point of view of the problem?

In my considered opinion, John Ford has a legitimate complaint.

As President of the P. N. G., of which John Ford is a member, I do hereby request that you to the best of your ability do all you can at once to eliminate this bona fide complaint that John Ford has submitted to me in writing. To be specific, he wants to have one U. S. A. O. G. coin owned by Hollinbeck-Kagin Company (now supposedly in the possession of Eric P. Newman) made available to him for study. Also perhaps other U. S. A. O. G. coins that you or Mr. Newman have been able to study but which have not been made available to John Ford should be made available to him at this time.

Ronnie, may I ask that you give this your immediate attention since your February meeting is only now roughly two months away.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

cc: Mr. Max M. Schwartz
Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
Mr. Eric P. Newman ✓
Mr. Arthur M. Kagin
Mr. Paul Garland
Mr. Abe Kosoff

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
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Dear Eric:

I am in receipt of a letter November 28, 1966, from Ronnie Carr wherein he states, among other things, that he is planning on having a meeting re: Garland-Ryan matter, February 9, 1967, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel during the convention.

He also states that by writing you now I can obtain a copy of your testimony that was given during the A. N. A. Convention at Chicago.

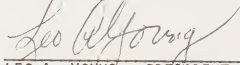
Will you therefore please send me copies of this testimony.

He also states that I am on a special list to receive the set of photographs that you presented at this A. N. A. hearing in Chicago. Further, Ronnie states I must send you my personal request for this set of photographs.

Therefore Eric, I do now request that you send me this set of photographs.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.



LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

LAY:tp

cc: Mr. Max M. Schwartz
Mr. Ronnie Carr

December 19, 1966

Mr. Leo Young, President
Professional Numismatists Guild
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Leo:

Thank you for sending a copy of your December 6, 1966 letter to Bonnie Carr.

Since the writer's name was mentioned several times a reply on some items seems advisable. It must be remembered that we were asked by the Panel to give an opinion and we have endeavored to assemble pertinent facts to help the Panel both before, during and after the first session of the hearing.

As to cooperation as to facts, I presume you know that during the first session of the hearing both Paul Franklin and John J. Ford refused to answer questions as to the circumstances under which they or either of them obtained the coin in question or the coins from the same source. We are also advised that none of the items requested from Ford by the Panel several months ago have been forthcoming. These facts have therefore been denied the Panel and the witnesses. Since a complaint comes from one who has not given the Panel requested data this seems to fall within the logic of "people who live in glass houses, etc."

As to the Kamin coins, a written request of Paul Kamin dated October 25, 1966 to return them was all we ever received. We wrote him they were needed for the F.N.C. hearing and never received any further reply. There was no comment to us that Ford wanted them. Photographs are now being sent to Ford pursuant to the Panel's December 13, 1966 request.

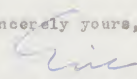
As you realize, it would be inappropriate for the writer to comment on other matters you mention.

Best Holiday greetings,

CC:Mr. Bonnie Carr

Sincerely yours,

EPH
atb


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

December 17, 1966

Mr. Leo Young, President
Professional Numismatists Guild
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Leo:

In accordance with your December 6, 1966 request which was made in accordance with instructions we received in the November 28, 1966 letter from Ronnie Carr as Chairman of the P.M.C. Panel, we are enclosing the text of our testimony given at the hearing in Chicago. We are sending under separate cover the following pictures:

Pairs of Nos. 1,3,5,6,7,9,12,13,14,16,19,
20, 21, 22, 23, 25;

Uniface #24;

An extra enlargement of a part of the obverse of No.6;

Edge view of Nos. 2, 6 and 7;

X-ray diffraction photo of Nos.2,3,4,5,6 and 7;

Jumbo size reverse portions of Nos.5,13 and 14.

As you may know, sets of photographs may have to be shared due to the limited number available and the difficulty in having this quality of enlargement made.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Very truly yours,

ERIC F. NERMAN NUMISMATIC
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CC: Mr. Ronnie Carr



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Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

TREASURER

CHARLES M. WORMSER
1 W. 47th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Ronnie:

I will send my U.S. Assay Office of Gold Ingot to Mr. Eric P. Newman for his study as you request.

I am hoping that the piece will not be tied up until after your investigation is finalized. I see no need for this unless you state as such is the need.

SECRETARY

DAVID J. SHAPIRO
31 N. Clark St.
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The piece will be in the mail to him either this date, the 6th, or tomorrow, the 7th of February.

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February 6th, 1967

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Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

TREASURER

CHARLES M. WORMSER
1 W. 47th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Mr. Newman:

At the request of Mr. Ronnie Carr, I am sending you herewith, my U.S. Assay Office of Gold Ingot for your study.

SECRETARY

DAVID J. SHAPIRO
31 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill. 60602

I hope that you will be able to return it to me in the very near future.

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Beverly Hills, Calif. 91604

DANIEL MESSER
104 W. 44th St.
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By the way Mr. Newman, this is the piece for which I did receive a license from the U.S. Office of Domestic Gold, last Fall. I did purchase this piece over a year ago from John Ford for the sum of \$2,500.00.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

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cc: Ronnie Carr
Lester Merkin
Herbert Bergen

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

LEO A. YOUNG
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April 14th, 1967

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Detroit, Mich. 48226

Ronnie Carr
Box 1113
Tulare, California

TREASURER

CHARLES M. WORMSER
1 W. 47th St.
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Ronnie:

I am most pleased and gratified by the tone and text of your April 13th letter, copy of which I've just received.

Also, I am pleased that you spent the time you did with John Ford.

SECRETARY

DAVID J. SHAPIRO
31 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill. 60602

As President of P.N.G., and as the initiator of the so-called Garian/Ryan Panel, I can hope for no more than a thorough, impartial assembly and study of all facets and all sides of this problem, before your group renders an opinion.

Your letter is the most tangible evidence yet supplied to me of your own thoroughness and impartiality. Please do continue along this desirable course.

DIRECTORS

DANIEL H. BROWN
1532 Broadway
Denver, Colo. 80202

I am sorry the other members of the Panel could not have accompanied you on your visit to John Ford.

Your letter, mentioned above, was written to Eric Newman.

JERRY COHEN
228 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif. 91604

I do hope that Eric will accept John Ford's invitation to call on Ford and study the material Ford has accumulated.

DANIEL MESSER
104 W. 44th St.
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This would then give Eric time for thought and study of this material, should he want to dispute or refute any of it at Miami, A.N.A. this Summer.

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MAX M. SCHWARTZ
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You should have the copies of my Proofing Bar License by now.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT
cc: Ford, Merkin, Bergen, Newman, Kosoff, Schwartz

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 12, 1967

Mr. Leo J. Young
3544 Oregon Avenue
Oakland, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Leo:

Is the request of the arbitrators you sent for study your U.S. Army Office Gold Incent which is returned herewith. We had hoped to return it sooner but other photographic enlargements were difficult to take. It never left our possession and was kept in a safe deposit.

Because of the war's relevance to the above matter, our opinion on the war has been given to the arbitrators and if they wish a copy to be furnished to you we will gladly do so.

Your initiation of the arbitration, your loan of the war, your letter of April 14, 1967 to Bonnie, your appreciation of the war involved, etc. indicate how much thought and concern you have put into this most difficult matter on behalf of ENE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CC:
Mr. Eddie Carr
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Lester Berkin

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May 31, 1967

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John J. Ford
New Netherlands Coin Co.
1 WEST 47th Street
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear John:

I understood you to tell me recently in New York that you had personally invited Eric P. Newman to your home for the purpose of showing him the information and data you have accumulated with regard to the Pioneer Gold Coin problem.

I did write a letter expressing my sincere appreciation of this action on your part.

I have in front of me a letter written by Eric P. Newman to Ronnie Carr with copies to the panel and to me wherein Eric Newman states that you, John Ford, have not communicated with him.

Now John, while you and were talking you mentioned to me that you had invited Newman to visit with you even a few years ago. If I remember correctly I think it was two or three years ago and you stated that he had never come to see you.

I did assume that the invitation to Newman that you mentioned to both Ronnie Carr and to me was a recent invitation. Was it? If not, frankly I do not blame Newman for not considering an invitation that was at best a few years old.

Now I am assuming that you were sincere in talking about the invitation to Eric P. Newman to come to your home. If you thought the invitation of two or three years ago was a valid enough invitation, may I hastily request of you that you at once write a sincere invitation to Eric P. Newman and invite him to go over and to study all the ~~XXXXXX~~ material you have on this subject.

Time is short John. Please look into this at once and do let me know your course of action.

Sincerely

LEO A. YOUNG, PRESIDENT
P.N.G. INC.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 5, 1967

Mr. Leo A. Young
3944 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Leo:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your May 31, 1967 letter to John Ford. You had every right to assume that an invitation from John to me to come to see his USAOI items would have been of recent origin. Bonnie Carr, in his letter of April 13, 1967 to me, shows that he drew the same conclusion and Bonnie promptly wrote John on the same date for John to ask me in writing. John has neither written me nor have we conversed for many months prior to April 13, 1967 or since then.

As to any three year old invitation that, too, has long been stale if it was intended. We promptly informed John of the Study Group's formation and have continually sought pertinent information from him. He was not a member of the Group primarily because of a conflict of interest. His feelings as to furnishing data were expressed in a letter to me dated January 18, 1965, a copy of which is enclosed. Our position with the Group precluded premature disclosure of incomplete data. John did furnish us with six lead pieces to examine (pictures are in evidence), gave us some information, and just prior to the Paul Vanel hearing in Chicago loaned us pictures of three of his coins. If John had anything more to submit to us for study he should have submitted it long ago. John, as well as Paul Franklin, refused to answer certain questions at the arbitration hearings in Chicago in August, 1966 and these were quite pertinent.

If facts were now to be completely disclosed we would gladly study them, but for any witness to select which pertinent facts he does and which pertinent facts he does not wish to disclose to the arbitrators, the parties and others studying the matter, renders a further review of evidence from that witness of doubtful value.

Very truly yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EC:
Mr. Bonnie Carr
Mr. Lester Werkin
Mr. Herbert W. Bergen

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New Netherlands Coin Co., Inc.

SUITE 401
1 WEST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

PHONES PLAZA 7-5245-6

January 18, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have noted carefully your comments on the USAOG matter in your letter of January 7th.

In spite of all your claims to the contrary, I am of the opinion that the establishment or "group" (or whatever you want to call it) is conducting a secret investigation. I do not have the time to play games, and if I am to share the information that I arrive at objectively, I feel that you should do the same. Of course, if this is not an objective investigation, and if the possibility exists that personalities are involved, I see no reason why you should not keep secrets. George Fuld was sure enough of himself, to make statements in writing and to me over the telephone, to cause Dr. Sloss to call Charles Wormser, to inspire an article in a numismatic newspaper, and to deal directly with the Secret Service. If I am not to know the basis for all this, outside of some wild-eyed allegations by Mr. Sol Kaplan, I think very little of what you are doing.

I do not have the time, Eric, to play games. If the people that you are affiliated with do not wish to let me in on their information or data, I see no reason why I should proceed, until their case (or yours) is completed. I have to have something to shoot against, particularly since I believe the pieces ~~are~~ authentic!

I am not angry any more, Eric, and I am willing to play ball but it does take "two to tango."

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,



John C. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn



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June 24th, 1967

Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

I keep trying to sit on the sidelines of the so-called Garland vs Ryan dispute. I keep wishing that I can be nothing more than a most interested bystander, since I keep assuring myself that the panel, as well as Newman and Ford are all very intelligent men, all very knowledgeable men, all mature men and all dedicated to numismatics.

Yet it does seem to me that some of these dedicated men tend to grasp at straws in their efforts to uphold their own pride, their own ego or their own position.

Now John Ford fully convinced me that he truthfully thought Eric Newman already had an invitation to visit him. Instead of my sitting on the sidelines, I put considerable pressure on John Ford to reextend an invitation at once to Eric Newman to visit him, study his material and discuss the problem. This John Ford did do, and I thought put it very nicely in a copy of his letter to me of June 19th.

I am in receipt of a copy of Eric Newman's letter to John Ford of June 22nd, 1967. You, Ronnie Carr, and also Eric Newman have in past letters indicated that if John Ford would invite Newman to his home for a complete study of Ford's material, that a major step in the solving of this problem would have been made. Now after my pressuring Ford to again invite Newman to his home, and in Newman's writing Ford acknowledging the letter, Newman doesn't even thank John for the invitation, nor does he indicate he will accept it. In fact, if I interpret Newman's letter correctly, I gather he will not accept the invitation. Yet he does not do Ford the courtesy of saying so. Newman now states, as I gather it, that he wants Ford to submit all of his material, etc., to Newman in St. Louis.

Why this switch? Why now does Newman not accept Ford's invitation?

Ford's second to last paragraph of his June 19th letter, as well as

Ronnie Carr.
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June 24th, 1967

Newman's second to last paragraph of his June 22nd letter, both relate entirely to semantics and although both of them are absolutely correct in what they state, it is only on this problem, at least, indirectly their business. This is more precisely the business of the panel and I would most certainly presume would be handled by the panel.

Ronnie, I would like a letter from you on this as soon as is possible.

With regard to the Kagin's U.S.A.O.G. specimens. Again, I did put great pressure on the Kagin's to authorize Newman to release the specimens held by him and belonging to the Kagin's. This, of course, Paul Kagin did do in his letter of June 13th, to Eric Newman. A handwritten note to me on my copy of Paul Kagin's letter, signed by Paul, stated that he was only doing this because I asked him to and he underlined this twice. For this I thanked him very much. However, Ronnie, your letter to me of June 21st, expresses great doubt whether Newman will comply with Kagin's request. This would be extremely presumptuous of Eric Newman and I fail to see why he would not comply with Kagin's request. In fact, knowing Eric Newman as I do, I feel certain he has already shipped these coins to John Ford, and as you know, I will attempt to assist in having these coins sent to you after Ford has studied them. If the coins are not being sent to Ford, I would like to know why, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

LAY-jc

cc: Eric P. Newman
John Ford
Abe Kosoff
Max Schwartz

Leo A. Young NUMISMATIST

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OAKLAND 10, CALIFORNIA
BUS. TEMPLEBAR 2-3484

OAKLAND COIN SHOP

March 5th, 1968

Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

This date, Ronnie Carr returned all of the material to me, pertaining to the investigation of the so-called Garland/Ryan USAOG coin.

At the same time, he handed me a four page report from you titled - Report on Proof Bar.

On the bottom of page two of this report, you state,"- - and therefore the Bar must be false."

However, Ronnie Carr also mentioned to me that he was not still convinced that you still felt the Bar to be false.

Eric, at this time will you please write me a note indicating whether you believe my Proofing Ingot Bar to be false as your report indicates, or to be genuine.

Sincerely,

Leo A. Young
LEO A. YOUNG - NUMISMATIST

LAY-jc



March 8th, 1968

TO - THE GARLAND-RYAN ARBITRATION PANEL

RONNIE CARR
HERB BERGEN
LESTER MERRIN

Dear Panel Members:

Your Chairman, Ronnie Carr, came into my office recently to return sundry items I had supplied him with regarding this controversy, as well as to present me with a signed copy of your decision on this problem.

To say I was disappointed, is to put it but mildly.

I received and heard many praiseworthy comments regarding the quality, integrity and forthrightness of you three men. I felt we had men of such calibre that they could not be intimidated, bluffed, coerced, or backed into a corner.

However, I was wrong.

After all the work, time, concern and numismatic national interest evolved by this problem, and then for you three men to render an opinion that the coin was 'NOT A PROOF' and nothing else is, to me, almost unbelievable.

You well know that was never the problem to be considered. All of John Ford's early correspondence refers to this coin as Proof-like.

Now, if you believe the coin "genuine," why did you not say so?

Or, if you believed it "false," why did you not say so?

Garland made the flat charge that the coin was false; a phony; a counterfeit.

With your weak report, of only saying the coin was not a Proof, you in reality are evading the issue; why? Because you don't know? Then say so. Because you were scared? Then say so.

The \$600.00 you spent for tests. Were they inconclusive? Did the coin pass or fail the tests? Say so. When I okayed Ronnie Carr's request for these tests, he assured me they would be conclusive. If the coin passed, it was genuine. If it failed, it was false. Say so.

How dare you spend \$600.00 on that basis and then totally ignore the tests?

THE Garland-Ryan Arbitration Panel

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March 8th, 1968

Not mention them and actually pretend you didn't have the tests made, at least as far as any report to me is concerned.

Ronnie Carr admitted to me that at no time was any request made of me, not fulfilled. I got, at his request, at various times; money, other coins, letters of apology, made all my Pioneer Collection available to him, got him the co-operation of many who had been unco-operative, and, again, I did fill to his satisfaction every request he made of me for assistance, of any and all kinds. Ronnie ADMITS this.

However, gentlemen, your work on the panel is done. I wish I did not have to criticize your job. I do want to thank you for your time spent.

However, one final thing is in order.

Based on your "report" as my guide, I think you owe John Ford a warm letter for his patience, perseverance, and the terrible maligning he suffered by innuendo. Apparently, he came through this ordeal with his position intact.

Sincerely,

LEO A. YOUNG

LAY-jc

March 12, 1968

Mr. Leo A. Young
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Leo:

In answer to your letter of March 5, 1968, we can state that we have no reason to revise our opinion as to your bar.

There may be material in the Garland-Ryan file which we do not know about and which may have a bearing on your piece.

Was the entire Garland-Ryan file, belonging to Bonnie Carr, turned over to you, or, as you state in your letter, was it merely a return of items you loaned?

We have a copy of the decision in the Garland-Ryan matter and, assuming the decision is not amended, set aside, or appealed, we would like very much to examine the full file of the arbitration proceeding. Will you, therefore, let us know if the full file will be available to us and if you have it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC S. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ESN/etb

March 16th, 1968

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
#1 West 47th Street
New York, New York
10036

Dear John:

I have in my possession a written report signed by Eric P. Newman, representing the Eric P. Newman Foundation, that the Proofing Ingot I purchased from you for \$2,500.00 is a false numismatic item.

This was delivered to me recently by the Garland/Ryan Arbitration Panel Chairman, Ronnie Carr. Since it was dated several months ago, I did write to Eric Newman to ask him if he still believed it false after all these months? I have just received his reply that he has no reason whatever to alter or change his opinion.

Therefore, John, with such a prominent and distinguished numismatic authority maintaining that I have a false item in my collection, I will remind you of your Guarantee to me about this piece and your expressed willingness to buy it back if it could be shown to be false.

I herewith request from you your check in the amount of \$2500.00, at which time I will also surrender to you my Government License to hold this piece, as well as the Newman Report on it in detail.

I will also go on record with you that when and if you are able to completely refute Newman's charges, I stand ready to re-purchase this piece from you for \$2,500.00.

May I have your check please?

Sincerely,

LEO A. YOUNG - NUMISMATIST

LAY-jc

cc: Dan Brown
Eric Newman ✓
Max Schwartz

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March 16th, 1968

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Reference your letter of March 12th, 1968.

Based on your original written statement of last year that my Proofing Ingot was not genuine, which original statement is re-confirmed in your March 12th letter to me that the Proofing Ingot is not genuine, but false, I will in the immediate future ask John Ford, from whom I purchased it, for a full refund of my purchase price, even though I have a license from the Government allowing me to legally own this item as genuine Numismatic item.

With regard to your other questions. No, the entire Garland/Ryan file was not turned over to me. Ronnie Carr merely returned to me that material from my own files which I had supplied to the Panel.

I would have no authority whatever to grant you permission to go through the entire Garland/Ryan file. I would imagine that you would have to clear this request through both Dan Brown and Ronnie Carr. Whether or not they can or will grant you this privilege, I don't know. I would prefer not to be involved, therefore, I do suggest that you take it up with both Dan and Ronnie.

Sincerely,

Leo A. Young
LEO A. YOUNG - NUMISMATIST

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cc: Dan Brown
Dave Shapiro
Max Schwartz
Ronnie Carr
John Ford



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Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, 5, Missouri

April 15, 1968

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is my file with regard to my Proofing Ingot. This file only runs from the day Ronnie Carr handed me your "REPORT ON PROOF BAR", 4 pages, declaring this bar to be false.

Walter Breen, at Ford's request, has written a report asserting and claiming this bar to be genuine. Breen's report is enclosed.

My letter to Ford dated April 15th, 1968, copy enclosed, is self explanatory.

May I expect your co-operation with me if I take John Ford to court for the purpose of getting a refund of my purchase price of this bar? Namely \$2500.00.

I believe the one main thing needed as per John Ford, will be to establish in a court of law that you are a recognized authority in Numismatics in general and in certain fields of Numismatics in particular. Unless I am grossly mis-informed I believe this will be a very simple thing to do. So thoroughly do I intend to do this that I believe I can defeat Ford's position very quickly.

I will be in touch with my office and my attorney while I am away. I leave April 17th and I return about June 10th.

May I have a reply from you as soon as possible, and of course anything you can do to assist me will be greatly appreciated.

It is my intent that my attorney vigorously pursue and set up for court action this problem while I am away.

All enclosures are copies.
Where signatures do not show,
rest assured all originals
are signed. For some reason
the copying machine did not
bring out signatures.

Sincerely

Leo A. Young
LEO A. YOUNG



John J. Ford, Jr.
New Netherlands Coin Co., Inc.
1 West 47th Street
N.Y., N.Y. 10036

April 15, 1968

Dear John:

Your April 11th letter; Walter Breen's 3 page report of April 9th; Harvey Stack's letter of April 9th all with regard to my Proofing Ingot that I purchased from you Have been received and studied by me.

All have one thing in common. They all seem designed to stop me from taking direct legal action against you.

John Ford writes, April 11th, that Eric P. Newman is not a recognized authority on U.S. or Pioneer Gold, has never collected or studied the series, ----- etc. One of the problems the Garland-Ryan investigation ran into pertained to counterfeiting and the techniques and skills a counterfeiter can apply. Another problem was Hub and Die work; normal wear on dies; die reproduction and the techniques and skills involved in die reproduction; die storage, rust, striking of planchets, etc. To my knowledge, Eric P. Newman has for many years made a study of these things as well as many related fields in Numismatics. He has made detailed studies on metals, planchets, and coinage.

So--maybe--he is not an expert, as you say on U.S. and Pioneer Gold. At least he is an expert on die study, on counterfeiting and its techniques and on metals used in coinage.

So--maybe--John Ford is the worlds only recognized authority on the subject. And maybe John Ford in his own home has taught Walter Breen. as you've written me, to also be an expert on Pioneer Gold. Maybe, huh John?

My position is very clear; my private position, my legal position my Numismatic position. So, John Ford, please pay attention:

1. I purchased the Proofing Ingot from you. Your written statement to me that I bought it from Paul Franklin is a lie.
2. I have several witnesses to prove I bought it from you, and the mere fact that I must tell you this and refute you on this makes me wonder greatly about you. Should you stick to your foolish statement I will be amazed.
3. As a condition of my purchasing this item, you did promise to get me a License so that I could legally hold and display the item.
4. You did fill out the forms needed. You did show yourself on these forms as being the source from which I acquired the item and you did not mention Paul Franklin.
5. You did in front of witnesses guarantee the ingot to be genuine.
6. I do have in my possession a detailed written report submitted by Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society and signed by Eric P. Newman that the ingot or bar is false.

7. I do maintain that that is fully sufficient grounds for me to demand my money back until such time that you can refute Newman and his report or induce him to withdraw it.

8. This is your problem.

9. It might take you 10 days; 10 years or a lifetime. Maybe it can never be done. In the meantime you expect me to retain the bar, with this cloud over it and just wait? Wait for the usual John Ford procrastination? And John, procrastination is one of the things for which you are truly famous.

10. No, John, I will not wait.

11. Now my problem as I see it is fairly simple.

12. Based on your April 11th letter to me, if I can show that Eric P. Newman is in truth a recognized authority in Numismatics, your position becomes invalid. So, unless you find another smoke screen to throw up you'd better check again with your attorney.

13. I will at once approach Newman and establish him as a recognized authority. Actually I have already done this verbally with several people. I will have notarized papers.

14. I will then, unless this is fully resolved, bring suit against you and I've reason to believe I can do it in San Francisco since that is where you made the sale and accepted full payment. My attorney is checking this out fully at present.

15. I am sorry it has come to this, but I do believe by the time I get my refund, many, many things will be out in the open. I hate smoke screens. When I'm involved the smoke irritates me greatly and I do get my Irish dander up. It's up. You know even simple smoke like from tobacco irritates such famous men as Abe Kosoff. And I am not saying that ~~XXXXXXX~~ facetiously. I'm only trying to impress on you John that I guess you must follow the course you are following. Rest assured I will follow my course and I most certainly do not intend to lose my case. It's just not my nature.

Please everyone overlook the sloppy typing. I typed it myself and don't claim to be a typist.

Sincerely

cc; to several

LEO A. YOUNG

REPORT ON PROOF BAR

At the suggestion of the arbitrators, a gold ingot or bar was sent to us by its owner, Leo A. Young, for examination. He wrote that he had acquired the piece for \$2500.00 from John J. Ford, Jr., early in 1966, and that in the fall of 1966 he received a license to hold it from the U.S. Office of Domestic Gold. It will be referred to as Item #29 or "the bar".

The bar weighs 536½ grains and shows no wear. So far as we have been able to determine this bar was theretofore unknown and unpublished.

The bottom of the face of the bar contains four lines of text in a panel reading UNITED STATES ASSAY/OFFICE OF GOLD/SAN FRANCISCO/CALIFORNIA 1853. This panel is identical in size and in the position of lettering to the panel on the 1853 \$20 USAOG pieces including the Garland coin (#5). A study of the bar therefore is relevant to the determination of the genuineness of the Garland coin. The top of the face of the bar contains two lines of text in a panel reading A.HUMBERT/U.S.ASSAYER. The right side of the middle of the face contains one line of text in a panel reading THOU.

The lettering of all of the above panels is raised and each panel appears to have been impressed on the bar by a separate punch. The size of the lettering in each panel differs from the size of the lettering in each of the other panels.

There is separately punched into the bar a figure 1 on the left of the top panel, figure 11 on the right end 999 below. These figures are several times the size of the letters within the panels.

The back is plain and shows raised and flattened areas directly opposite the panels on the front. The sides of the bar are spread from the pressure in impressing the panels and figures.

The punch used to impress the four line panel had no frame line surrounding the text as found on the coins. This occurred because the sides of the punch where the frame line would have been were beveled off. The beveled sides of the punch show clearly on the bar.

An examination of the four line panel shows that a raised spur projects angularly downward to the right from the right end of the right base of the first A in ASSAY. This characteristic appears on coins #5, 7 and 16 and also appears on the pictures of the two gold pieces (#26 and #27) from the Humbert Associates source.

There can also be seen on the four line panel additional evidence of the die break described on page 7 of the testimony given in August, 1966. This additional evidence consists of a break between the base of the first S in ASSAY to the top of the L in GOLD; a tiny break at the center of the lower edge of the base of L in GOLD; and a tiny break on the lower edge of the base of the second C in FRANCISCO.

There is a lump under the right side of the T of UNITED as described on page 6 of the testimony.

The question immediately arises as to how a punch can have a partially developed die break identical to the die break found fully developed on the USAOG coins. If the punch was cut out of a coining die the die itself could no longer have been used for coining \$20 pieces. Likewise the lump under the T of UNITED cannot reappear when it did not appear on coins #5, 7, 16 and on #26 and #27, all of which have a less developed die break, showing only as a spur projecting downward from the right tip of the right base of the first A in ASSAY.

As in the case of the Garland coin it is impossible for the characteristics found on the punch used on the lower part of the bar to have occurred on a genuine punch and therefore the bar must be false.

Pictures of the bar have been taken and will be furnished to arbitrators shortly.

The punch used to impress the panel on the bar was prepared in the same manner as the two false dies used to strike the two types of false USAOG \$20 coinage. At the time the transfer was made from the false positive die the lump under the 7 of UNITED had not yet been ground off the positive die and the die break from the first S of ASSAY to the L of GOLD was still there. Thus the punch was prepared after the false die to make #8 etc. was made and before the false die to make #5 etc. was made. In all probability more than the panel was transferred to the punch and the sides of the punch including the frame around the panel was ground away.

In the 1960 through 1965 editions of the Red Book there is illustrated and described a U.S. Assay Office Gold one ounce disc which was previously unknown and unreported. This piece was removed from the 1966 and 1967 editions and mentioned as under study. This disc is referred to as #20 and contains what appears to be a panel of the same size and lettering as those on the Bar (#29) and the USAOG \$20 pieces. No findings on this disc can be given as neither it nor enlarged pictures have been available to us for examination. It can be pointed out, however, that the Star, the bar and some USAOG pieces struck in lead (#21, 22, 23) have numbers struck into the pieces after their original striking. The numbers are very large and are incuse. The year of the first publication of the disc is also close to the year of the appearance of the false USAOG \$20 pieces.

It would be helpful to our studies if the following additional facts could be ascertained:

1. What information was disclosed in statements or testimony in order to secure the Federal license for the bar and from what source did it originate.
2. Can the circular U.S. Army Office Gold die (#30) or enlarged pictures of it be made available for study and what are the facts as to its source.
3. Is there still a complete refusal by previously examined witnesses to disclose to the arbitrators the facts as to the discovery and acquisition of the Garland and other coins from the Humbert Associate estate.

Respectfully submitted

March, 1967

for
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

REPORT ON NEW PHOTOGRAPHS IN EVIDENCE

The pictures furnished by the arbitrators of the two gold and one silver USAGG pieces owned by John W. Ford, Jr., and stated at the Chicago hearing by him to have come from the Humbert associate Source have been examined. The gold pieces are respectively numbered #26 and #17. The silver piece is designated as #18.

The gold pieces #26 and #17 seem in all respects to be identical in characteristics to #5, 7 and 16 but no reading count, etc. can be made from the photographs. They are false for the same reasons #5, 7 and 16 are false.

The silver piece seems in all respects to be from identical dies to #6 and #11, but no reading count, etc. can be made from the photographs. It is false for the same reasons #6 and #11 are false.

Respectfully submitted,

March, 1967

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 22, 1968

Mr. Leo A. Young
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Leo:

Your letter of April 15, 1968, and enclosures have been reviewed. Letter writing on Pioneer Gold matters by others as well has certainly increased in tempo to say the least.

We would like you to send us for our study any additional facts you have and we suggest the following among other things:

1. Please send us a photocopy of both sides of the check in payment for the bar, any correspondence, invoice or guaranty relative to its purchase and other purchases. Details, including names of those who were witnesses to the sale.
2. Please send us a copy of the Federal license, license application and any correspondence or detail relative to them. If you do not have all of that data, you as the license holder ought to be able to request it from the government and receive it.
3. Please send a description of the Colorado gold bar offered to you at the same time (was it a Parsons & Co., #20) and the other people who saw it.
4. As a member of P.N.E. you might request P.N.E. or the Arbitration Panel, or both, to permit you or someone in your behalf to examine the complete Garland v. Ryan file and make copies. Since part of it has been furnished to you already you would seem to be entitled to the balance. You might also ask if that file is available for our review as there seems to be much in it which we feel we should know about. Please ask your counsel if that file can be obtained by subpoena if you are denied access to it.
5. Do you know where Paul Franklin is or has been? Has he disappeared for over a year as the rumors indicate or can he be found for testimony?

Mr. Leo A. Young
April 22, 1968
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C. We believe that there is much more information about the members, Associate Source pieces known to some F.B.I. members. Are you in a position to ask or to have P.E.C. ask members for that data and receive it?

You have asked for our cooperation. Part of our work is to try to furnish facts and opinions in noninflammatory matters where we are asked to be of service. We do not like to see controversy arise but where the truth is being sought we have no reason to shy away.

Perhaps someone on your behalf can gather facts while you are away and an extra copy of this letter is sent to you for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Eric F. Newman
ERIC F. NEWMAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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COINS
SUPPLIES
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OAKLAND COIN SHOP

3244 GRAND AVENUE
OAKLAND 10, CALIFORNIA
PHONE TEMPLEBAR 2-3484

July 15th, 1968

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

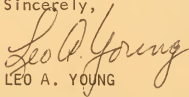
Have been away.

Regarding your letter of April 22nd, 1968, I wish to thank you for your interest.

Please do let me inform you however, that John Ford has refunded my purchase price and I in turn have mailed the item in question - Proofing Ingot.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



LEO A. YOUNG

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 23, 1968

Mr. Leo A. Young
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Dear Leo:

Thank you, very much, for your letter of July 15, 1968 advising that John Ford has refunded the purchase price for the alleged proofing ingot for which you paid \$2500.00.

In our letter of April 22, 1968, we requested a photocopy of the front and the back of the check for \$2500.00 payable to Paul Franklin in connection with the acquisition of this item. Since we believe we have been of service to you, we would appreciate it if you would send these photocopies to us for our file.

I hope that your trip to Europe was delightful, numismatically, and otherwise.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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cc: Mr. Kenneth Ober

Leo A. Young NUMISMATIST

GOLD - PAPER MONEY - COINS - SUPPLIES - STAMPS

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July 31st, 1968

Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I am very sorry for the very poor service you have been getting.

I have been burglarized fairly recently, and completely cleaned out and spending all of my time with various Officers and Investigators, so far at least, running totally in circles.

At present, much against my wishes, I am totally out of the coin business. Will devote my time in trying to find at least some of the stolen material.

Very many of my Office Records were also taken and what weren't taken, were totally thrown around, mixed up, torn etc., I don't even know if the check in question is on hand and it will probably be quite sometime before I do.

Regretfully,

Leo A. Young
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 5, 1968

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Dear Leo:

I sincerely sympathize with you for the endless frustration, disgust and irritation which results from burglary. I and so many of my friends have gone through it. It is a national scandal. I never recovered one coin. All my wife's jewelry was taken in addition. The fact that many of us cannot risk keeping coins at home has taken the fun out of collecting.

As to the \$2500 check, it was our thought that your lawyer might have it. If he doesn't it should be readily located as burglars do not take cancelled checks. As you straighten out, please look for it.

The answers at this time to one of the other questions asked in our letter of April 27, 1968 would also be helpful, namely: What was the Colorado bar (issuer, denomination, etc), offered to you in San Francisco simultaneously with the proofing issue and who was present who saw either or both pieces.

We would be grateful for prompt answers to the foregoing. When you asked us for help it was immediately forthcoming.

Kindest regards.

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They took many coins - need some deposit books & records etc.
Ronald Carr was present & saw both.
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